



KENTUCKY READING FIRST

December 2004

HOLIDAY UPDATE

We hope that everyone has a great holiday season, gets some rest, and spends time with their families.

I. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Mark your calendars!

Principals' Institute

We are planning our follow-up Principal's Institute for the week of February 14-18th. As soon as a location has been secured we will finalize the planning for this professional development opportunity.

KTLC

March 2 & 3 will be a mandatory date for Reading First participants. KDE and CCLD will be hosting a special RF session for RF school teams. Your team must be made up of your principal, School coach, and one primary teacher. This session will focus on effective coaching through "Fierce Conversations." We will post additional information about this session to the KDE RF website.

CORE Summit

The CORE (Consortium on Reading Excellence) develops a seminal conference on the latest thinking, research, and implementation that work to improve reading achievement. This year, the conference looks at a very tough issue at the heart of AYP growth.

Core Literacy Leadership Summit, March 10-11, 2005

Leave No School Behind: Building Literacy Expertise for Large Scale Improvement

Oakland Marriott City Center (Oakland, CA)

Registration: \$425 per person (including breakfast and lunch on both days)

Please register asap, if you plan to attend.

Topics include presentations by the foremost experts on K-8 reading instruction, Reading First, secondary reading intervention, and instruction for English learners.

Speakers include Reid Lyon, Sally and Bennett Shaywitz, Zig Engelmann, Louisa Moats, Joseph Torgesen, Ed Kame'enui, Sharon Vaughn, Phyllis Hunter, Ted Hasselbring, Anita Archer and more.

For a registration form and more information, please go to www.corelearn.com/summit. Or call 888-249-6155, ex. 112.

II. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The Special Education Questions and Answers document will be posted to the Reading First website

(<http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Instructional+Resources/Literacy/Kentucky+Reading+First/>)

default.htm). In addition, the KDE Reading First team will also post a questions and answers PowerPoint related to interventions. This information should be posted soon.

III. ASSESSMENTS

DIBELS

All palms must be synced to the DIBELS website by December 14, 2004. Make sure that you are testing **Middle of Year and not Beginning of Year.**

Please remember to contact our KETS Help Desk if you are having any technical issues with your palms or with the Wireless website. You can reach the Help Desk by email at ketshelp2@kde.state.ky.us or by phone at 502-564-2002. Attached you will find the Help Desk procedures.



Help Desk
Procedures

GRADE

All student booklets are due to AGS by tomorrow, December 10th. Please remember that the teacher/examiner section on the "Group Identification Form" must be bubbled in. It is the schools responsibility to fill out the Teacher/Header Sheets. If this did not occur, please contact Kiley to resolve this issue. This must be resolved in a timely manner to ensure a quick turnaround with scoring booklets.